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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
RD(PANCHAYAT) DEPARTMENT

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Notification

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (a) and (c) of Section 31 of the Tripura Panchayat Act, 1993, read with Memorandum No.F.6(5-236)-GL/PR/97/6957-7747 dated the 3rd July, 1997, insofar as it relates to the constitution of committee in every Gram Panchayat/Village Committee for water supply management, the Governor of Tripura is pleased to empower every Gram Panchayat/Village Committee to constitute a **Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC)** for the purpose of planning, implementing, operating, and maintaining of in-village water supply systems under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

1. Constitution of VWSC: Every Gram Panchayat/Village Committee shall constitute a VWSC. The VWSC will be a standing committee of the Gram Panchayat (GP)/Village Committee (VC), with a composition and internal process as stipulated in this notification. The committee should have representation from all sections of the village, including women and marginalized communities, ensuring a minimum of 50% women members. The Composition of the VWSC is as follows:

1. Chairman: Gram Pradhan of GP or Chairman of VC.
2. Member Secretary: In Charge of the Panchayat
3. Members:
   - (i) All Ward Members.
   - (ii)Representative of PWD(DWS)
   - (ii) Representative of ASHA of GP/VC.
   - (iii) Representative of Anganwadi Worker of GP/VC.
   - (iv) President or Secretary of Village Organization (for SHGs).
   - (v) One (1) Representative of NGOs.
   - (vi) One (1) Service/Retired Service Man.

Where there is no elected body (either in GP or VC), the concerned Block Development Officer shall act as Chairman of the Committee.

2.Powers and Responsibilities: The VWSC will be empowered to discharge the following functions, particularly concerning the post-implementation phase of the water supply schemes:

- **Financial Management**: The VWSC will be responsible for creating and maintaining a register for all financial transactions, including community contributions, O&M costs, water tariff collection, and incentives received. They shall open and operate a dedicated bank account for these purposes.

- **Infrastructure Management:**
  - **Operation & Maintenance (O&M):** The committee shall be responsible for the regular O&M of the in-village water supply system, including local water sources, and will decide on seasonal supply hours.
  - **Personnel Management:** The Committee may hire pump operators, barefoot technicians, and other necessary personnel to ensure the smooth operation and timely repair of the system.
  - **Asset Management:** The Committee shall record all drinking water asset details in the Gram Panchayat/Village Committee asset register to ensure proper upkeep and tracking.

- **Water Quality & Service Delivery:**
    - **Quality Assurance:** The Committee shall facilitate water quality testing using Field Test Kits (FTKs) and arrange for periodic testing at accredited laboratories. The results must be disseminated to the community.
    - **Service Extension:** They will be responsible for providing Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to every existing and new rural household, including those in scattered habitations.
    - **Accountability & Oversight:** The Committee shall facilitate third-party inspections and functionality assessments and will conduct social audits to ensure transparency and accountability.
- **Community Mobilization & Engagement:**
    - **Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP):** The Committee shall be the primary body for reviewing the GPDP, for effective operation & maintenance of water supply schemes.
    - **Behavioral Change:** The Committee shall conduct awareness campaigns on the judicious use of water, promoting water conservation and preventing misuse.
    - **Meetings & Records:** The committee shall hold periodic meetings (at least four times a year) and maintain adequate records of all proceedings.

3. **Financial Sustainability:** For the long-term sustainability of the water supply schemes, the following financial provisions shall be adhered to:
    - **Water Tariff and its Collection:** The Committee is authorized to firm up, levy, and collect water service charges/user fees from the households. The charges shall be decided by the Gram Sabha for meeting O&M costs of the scheme. The VWSC may adopt a flat rate, slab-based tariff, or hybrid model based on local conditions, affordability, and community consensus.
    - **Fund Utilization:**Use of funds from State/Central Finance Commission, other available grants and user charges.All funds thus collected shall be exclusively used as per GPDP towards effective O&M of the water supply system, ensuring a transparent and accountable financial management system.

This will take immediate effect.

By order & in the name of Governor,

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